

**Region 9 RSC Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2005**

In attendance: Judge Steve David, Commissioner Sally Berrish, Judge Jeff Boles, Char Burkett-Sims, Barbara South, Tim Miller, Steve Vaughn, Gil Smith, Rhonda Allen

**I. Introduction and Purpose of Meeting**

Meeting began with introductions of everyone in attendance and Judge David providing comments about the direction of DCS as was relayed at the Juvenile Judges Improvements Committee.

**II. DCS Regional Organization**

- a. What is the IDCS vision and expectations for regions?
  - i. Regionalization will create the opportunity for counties to enhance or develop a continuum of services.
  - ii. Regionalization is not meant to "take away" the authority or ability for counties to provide services
- b. In what ways can we work best together?
  - i. Sharing of programs and services that are successful
  - ii. Discussing challenges within court/child welfare and resolutions
  - iii. Identifying service gaps and possibly combine funding to contract with someone
- c. Concerns about regionalization
  - i. Discussion of fiscal accountability on the part of parents and offsetting the costs to taxpayers with regard to services.
  - ii. Judge Boles mentioned the importance of conveying a message that despite the many positive changes being made within DCS that not all child abuse and neglect can be prevented and when it happens it does not mean it is the fault of DCS or judges.

**III. 4 Areas of Services**

- a. Budget changes--no maximum levy or excess levy, Judge Payne has offered to be available to explain the importance of the budget and service needs.
- b. Prevention, Preservation/Permanency, Placement, Post-Permanency
  - i. Systems of Care--Wrap around programs are an excellent source for prevention activity. All 5 counties in the region have an active Systems of Care/Wrap-around service delivery system.
  - ii. Discussion of developing a matrix of services for each county addressing each area. Also include a list of unmet service needs within this matrix--due by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Rhonda Allen to coordinate.
  - iii. All CHINS cases to have assigned a GAL/CASA--discussion about who pays for this. There is a different model in place within the region. Everyone in the region uses either a GAL or CASA program.

**IV. Regional Service Council**

- a. Membership--it was discussed that all Judges and Directors within the region be offered the opportunity to participate in the meeting. Due to schedules some Judges and Directors will not be available for every meeting. There was agreement that this be opened up to include all Directors and Judges.
- b. Participation of others: Email suggestions for FCM, Supervisor, foster parent, and CASA/GAL participation to Gil Smith.
- c. Next meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Bring one problem area OR resolution of problem for discussion

- ii. Service matrix will be available to present.
- iii. Hopefully there will be a regional manager hired, and other participants appointed for the next meeting.

V. Adjourn: Next Meeting September 15, 2005, 11:00 a.m. at Hendricks County DCS  
Bring your own lunch for this meeting.